

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

#### **CLAIM 28**

On line 14, "the aligning belt drive" has been changed to --an aligning belt drive--.

On line 16, "the portioning belt drive" has been changed to --a portioning belt drive--.

On line 16, ", or both" has been changed to ---, or both,---. (comma added)

#### **CLAIM 41**

On line 15, "the aligning belt drive" has been changed to ---an aligning belt drive---.

On line 17, "the portioning belt drive" has been changed to ---a portioning belt drive---.

On line 18, ", or both" has been changed to ---, or both,---. (comma added)

#### **CLAIM 45**

On line 10, "the aligning belt drive" has been changed to ---an aligning belt drive---.

On line 11, "the portioning belt drive" has been changed to ---a portioning belt drive---.

On line 11, ", or both" has been changed to ---, or both,---. (comma added)

3. The replacement drawing sheets submitted on 2/29/2008 have been approved by the examiner.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas A. Hess whose telephone number is 571-272-6915. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thurs 5:30 - 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gene Crawford can be reached on 571-272-6911. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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